DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

September 7, 1988

ALL COUNTY LETTER No. 88-119

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STRIKER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REYNA v. McMAHON)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTERS 83-109 AND 83-122; ALL COUNTY

INFORMATION NOTICE I-133-83

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the REYNA v. McMAHON Court Order (State-Only AFDC-U for strikers) has been adopted into new MPP Section 41-701. The Department has amended its regulations to reflect the Court's decision, which allows State-Only AFDC-U benefits to be paid to strikers and families of strikers, provided all other requirements of eligibility exist.

The Striker Assistance Program Regulations (RDB #0587-20) were sent to you as an attachment to the All County Welfare Directors Letter of July 14, 1988. The regulations are expected to be effective on September 1, 1988. The new regulations clarify and expand the Department's policy regarding the REYNA v. McMAHON Court Order. Because counties have been required to comply with the Court Order since October of 1983 and the number of cases affected has been minimal, no new Notice of Action (NOA) forms or NOA messages will be provided. Counties should continue to use the NOA form/message they initially developed to comply with the Court Order to notify applicants/recipients who apply for the Striker Assistance Program. When issuing a NOA form/message to a striker, you should ensure that the appropriate regulation citation(s) is included on the form/message. If additional NOA messages are required, counties will have to write their own NOA messages. Any county written NOA message should conform with the written guidelines for message writing previously provided by the state.

If you have any questions or need further information on implementation of the Striker Assistance Program regulations, please contact Henry Puga of the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-2663 or ATSS 454-2663.

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